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THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

THIRD ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION –1946/1121.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Tuesday the 5th February 1946/23rd Makaram 1121.

The Assembly met again at 11 A. M. in the Legislative Chamber, Public Offices, with the Dewan-President, in the Chair.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls :—

1. Mr. T. Chandy (*Public Service Commissioner*).
2. ,, K. K. Kartha (*Executive Engineer*).
3. ,, P. K. Kesavan Achari (*Co-opted for the Travancore Thatcher Bill*).
4. ,, K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Agriculture.*)
5. ,, A. Narayanan Tampi (*Director of Public Instruction*).
6. Dr. H. Parameswaran (*Director of Industries*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Sluices newly constructed in the Thovala Channel.

538. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of sluices newly constructed in the Thovala channel and S. B. channel of the Kodayar Irrigation system after the year 1100 ;

(*b*) how many of them were constructed at the instance of the ryots ; and

(*c*) the number of acres of land newly brought under paddy cultivation after 1120 ?

MR. K. K. KARTHA (*Executive Engineer*) : (*a*) 31 in the Thovala channel. There is no S. B. channel in the Kodayar Irrigation Project.

(*b*) All.

(*c*) 5 acres and 74 cents in Kalkulam pakuthi and 10 acres and 85 cents in Agastheeswaram pakuthi.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Was there not a recommendation by the Economic Development Board that no more sluices should be opened in this channel in 1097 or so ?

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MR. K. K. KARTHA: The question is about the opening of more sluices after 1120. These have been opened under the 'Grow More Food Campaign Scheme.'

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: The question under part (*a*) refers to the year 1100 and not 1120.

MR. K. K. KARTHA: The question concerns the year 1120 only.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. What the honourable member says is that the figure in part (*a*) is 1100.

MR. K. K. KARTHA: 31 sluices have been opened after 1100.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Does not the opening of more sluices affect the supply of water in the lower reaches of the channel?

MR. K. K. KARTHA: It does not.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Was not an opinion expressed by the Economic Development Board that if more sluices were opened, the irrigation in the lower reaches of the channel would be affected?

MR. K. K. KARTHA: The question has been examined and it has been found that it does not affect irrigation.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know the names of the applicants who asked for the sluices?

MR. K. K. KARTHA: The information will be given after collecting the figures.

Irrigation system of the State.

539. *MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the advisability of preparing and putting through a scheme of improving the whole irrigation system of the State within the shortest period, say two years; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the advisability of preparing a scheme of improving the whole road system of the State within three years and putting it through; if so, with what result?

MR. K. K. KARTHA: (*a*) Yes; a ten year programme.

(*b*) Yes; a ten year programme.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Is there a report on irrigation in the records of the Government which was submitted by an expert committee?

MR. K. K. KARTHA: There is an Irrigation Committee Report with the Department.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Has that report been implemented?

MR. K. K. KARTHA: It has not been done.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know how far it will be of any utility to the State if an irrigation scheme is to be put through only within 10 years and not within 2 or 3 years?

MR. K. K. KARTHA: This is with regard to the major irrigation scheme of the State and nothing substantial can be done unless it is spread over a few years during which investigation could be done and execution effected.

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